

GLEN ALLEN CHAPMAN,)
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 Appellant,)
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 v.) Vet. App. No. 15-3053
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 ROBERT A. McDONALD,)
 Secretary of Veterans Affairs,)
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 Appellee.)

Pursuant to Rules 26(b), 27(a), and 45(g) of this Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Robert A. McDonald, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully requests a forty-five (45) day extension of time within which to file the Secretary's brief in the above-captioned case. The brief, otherwise due on March 14, 2016, would be due on or before April 28, 2016.

The request for additional time is being made because, due to undersigned counsel's extensive professional responsibilities, which in the past several weeks have included, in matters not related to the instant appeal, researching for and drafting eight briefs, preparing for six scheduled Rule-33 conferences, and negotiating one joint motion for remand, additional time is needed in order to examine and research more fully the record and the issues before the Court, and to allow for supervisory review. As a result, the Secretary is unable to meet the March 14, 2016, filing deadline. In view of the aforesaid circumstances, however, an extension of forty-five (45) days, until April 28, 2016, is requested.

In compliance with Rule 26(b)(1), the Secretary notifies that neither party has received an extension of time in this case. Appellant's counsel had been contacted and is not opposed to the filing of this motion.

WHEREFORE, Appellee, Robert A. McDonald, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves the Court for an extension of time of forty-five (45) days to file the Secretary's brief, until April 28, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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